

HOUSE RESOLUTION 369

By Roach

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Katasha R. Brown upon her reception of numerous awards for her phenomenal play this basketball season.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those gifted student athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this state; and

WHEREAS, one such talented individual is Katasha R. Brown, who was named the 2004 Southern Conference Tournament Outstanding Player and the 2003-2004 Southern Conference Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a sophomore at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Miss Brown has cultivated her considerable talent, leading her team and displaying the honored attributes of diligence, dedication, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, due in part to the impressive play of Katasha Brown, the Lady Mocs finished the season with an impressive 29-3 record and a Southern Conference Tournament Championship; the team also made its fourth consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, last year, Katasha Brown stormed onto the collegiate women's basketball scene and the country took notice; during her Freshman season, she earned first-team Southern Conference honors, led the nation in three-point shooting percentage for three weeks, and led the Southern Conference in three-point shooting percentage; and

WHEREAS, equally impressive off the court, Katasha Brown has garnered numerous academic honors, including the Dean's List as a Freshman and Sophomore; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable combination of academic and athletic excellence has made Katasha Brown a role model for aspiring student athletes across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Miss Brown's promise and potential was evident as a high school student at Claiborne County High School in Tazewell; and

WHEREAS, during her high school career, Katasha Brown was a two-time District Tournament Most Valuable Player, three-time Player of the Year, the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* East Tennessee Class AA Player of the Year, a Tennessee Sportswriters Association's All Northeast Tennessee First Team choice, Associated Press First Team All-State Selection, an All-State Tournament Team Selection, and a four-time T.S.S.A. Scholastic Award recipient; and

WHEREAS, this former Class AA Miss Basketball finalist also holds the Claiborne County High School record as the all-time leading scorer in school history with 2279 career points; and

WHEREAS, with two seasons of eligibility remaining as a college athlete, Katasha Brown has ensured her place in the high school and collegiate women's basketball record books; and

WHEREAS, Miss Brown's continued success is a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Pam Wilmoth, her father, Jamey Brown, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, she epitomizes all that is good in today's student-athlete, as she has achieved the highest level of success in sports, while evidencing the most circumspect character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent that Katasha Brown has shown has not only made possible these prestigious honors, but also surely bode well for Miss Brown's success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Katasha Brown for her many successes on the court and for serving as a fine example of the high quality of Tennessee's student-athletes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join the administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga women's basketball team in celebrating the many successes of sophomore Katasha Brown,

including 2004 Southern Conference Tournament Most Outstanding Player and 2003-2004 Southern Conference Regular Season Player of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish her much continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.